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I hereby certify that General Electric Company of 1 River Road, Schenectady, NY 12345 is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventors to the aforesaid assignee, *a copy of the assignment being attached.*

I have reviewed the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, title is in the aforesaid assignee for which I am empowered to act in this matter.

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**GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY**

March 2, 2001  
Date

By:

Ernest G. Cusick  
Name: ERNEST G. CUSICK  
Title: PATENT Counsel

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ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, of which we acknowledge receipt, Phyllis R. Budka of 2135 Morrow Avenue, Niskavuna, New York 12309 and Michael Sobolewski of 64 Pico Road, Clifton Park, New York 12065, sell and assign to General Electric Company, a New York Corporation, its successors and assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to the improvements in AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR MANAGING DRAWING NUMBERS invented by us, as described in the application for United States Patent filed on July 26, 2001 as Application No. 09/917,288; and any and all applications for patent and patents therefor in any and all countries, including all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and authorize and request any official whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue any patent on said improvements or resulting therefrom to said General Electric Company, or its successors or assigns and agree that on request and without further consideration, but at the expense of said Company, we will communicate to said Company or its representatives or nominees any facts known to us respecting said improvements and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

10/12/01, 2001  
Date

Phyllis R. Budka  
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STATE OF NEW YORK,  
COUNTY OF SARATOGA)  
) ss:

This 12 day of OCTOBER, 2001, before me personally came the above-named Phyllis R. Budka, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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Date

Michael Sobolewski

STATE OF New York)  
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This 12th day of October, 2001 before me personally came the above-named Michael Sobolewski, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: Dec. 22, 2001

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